

Northern Italy's Treasures

2nd – 24th September 2024



From the Lakes to Venice, Rome & Florence

Italy has more than its fair share of beautiful places, but few compare with the lakes that nestle in the foothills of the Italian Alps close to the border with Switzerland. We meet up at our campsite by the banks of Lake Garda and during your stay we visit Verona and the ancient peninsula of Sirmione.

We then make our way to Pisa for three nights, where the leaning tower is within walking distance of the campsite.

From our next Campsite, where we stay for four nights, we include a walking tour of the City of Rome and the opportunity to visit the Vatican City.

Florence, capital of Italy's Tuscany region, and home to many masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture is our next destination.

Finally, we are near Venice, on the Adriatic Coast. There will be a boat excursion to Burano and Murano in the Venice Lagoon where there are demonstrations of lace-making and glass-blowing, later there is free time in Venice to explore independently.

This tour has been designed to introduce you to many of the towns, cities and countryside that make up this fascinating land. The excursions, the beautiful landscapes, delicious food and wine, and the vibrant and friendly people; there can be no doubt that Italy arguably has it all.

With the high level of included activity, this tour will be best enjoyed by those possessing good mobility.

23 Nights

Day One – Monday 2nd September

Our group meet up at Lake Garda, Italy at a campsite right on the edge of the lake. Time to relax and settle in and this evening we will enjoy a "Welcome to the Tour" dinner in the campsite restaurant

Day Two – Tuesday 3rd September

Travel to the picturesque peninsular village of Sirmione where you will have free time to explore this beautiful village and visit the 12th century castle, or the excellent archaeological museum adjacent to the Grottoes of Catullus

Day Three – Wednesday 4th September

Excursion today to the ancient Roman city of Verona, famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and The Verona Arena, a huge 1st-century Roman amphitheatre, which currently hosts concerts and large-scale opera performances

Day Four – Thursday 5th September

Free day – time to relax, this evening meet up with the Tour Directors for a drinks reception

Day Five – Friday 6th September

We move south today to Pisa, you may wish to travel the coastal route. This evening we have a group meal in the Campsite's own restaurant **190 miles**

Day Six – Saturday 7th September

Explore Pisa with our morning guided walk, it is just a short walk from the campsite where you will find that there is more to the city than just the famous Leaning Tower. The other buildings that make up the Piazza dei Miracoli, including the Duomo, Baptistry and the Camposanto are all worth a visit



Day Seven - Sunday 8th September

Today is a Free Day, but if you wish, you may join your Tour Directors and take the train to Lucca. This ancient town is the birthplace of Giacomo Puccini the great opera composer. The town is also the centre of the olive oil industry, it is known for the well-preserved Renaissance walls encircling its historic city centre and its cobblestone streets.

Day Eight – Monday 9th September

We move to the outskirts of Rome where we stay for four nights. Group dinner this evening in the campsite restaurant, no need to cook after today's drive. **210 miles**

Day Nine – Tuesday 10th September

We will be taken by coach today into Rome for a guided walking tour. We will see the Forum, Coliseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Spanish Steps and the Palatine Museum. Our included Lunch will be taken in a city restaurant.



Day Ten – Wednesday 11th September

A later start for today. We will transport you into Rome for an afternoon and evening in and around the Vatican City. There will be time to visit the Sistine Chapel with its wonderful paintings and to see the glorious treasures of the Vatican's museums. Also, St Peter's square and Basilica, with free time in the early evening for your own dinner arrangements in the city.

Day Eleven – Thursday 12th September

A free day after two busy days in Rome, maybe relax by the swimming pool or take the opportunity to visit Ostia Antica.

Day Twelve – Friday 13th September

One night at a lovely clean Motorhome Aire in Orvieto. Close to the escalator and funicular, you will have the opportunity to explore the centre of the Old Town, with its narrow streets and hidden underground tunnels. **89 miles**

Day Thirteen – Saturday 14th September

This morning we drive to our next campsite just south of Florence, in Valdarno. This site, set in the Chianti countryside, has been chosen for its excellent facilities. **90 miles**

Day Fourteen – Sunday 15th September

Excursion to Florence with a guided tour in the morning and lunch in a local restaurant. You will have some free time in the afternoon before returning to the campsite

Day Fifteen – Monday 16th September

Free day. Relax at the campsite or catch up on any chores.

Day Sixteen – Tuesday 17th September

Excursion to Siena with a guided tour in the morning followed by free time for own lunch arrangements and to discover more of the city throughout the afternoon before returning to the campsite.



Day Seventeen – Wednesday 18th September

Half Day excursion to Greve in Chianti with lunch and wine tasting at a local Winery

Day Eighteen – Thursday 19th September

Travel to our next campsite on the outskirts of Bologna, where we will be staying for two nights. **90 miles**

Day Nineteen – Friday 20th September

Today has been left free for you to explore Bologna at your own pace. The local bus runs direct from our campsite to the city.

Day Twenty – Saturday 21st September

We drive north to the Venice area to our campsite on the Adriatic Coast near to Ca'Savio. This site has direct access to the beach and excellent facilities including a supermarket, bar, restaurant, and swimming pool. It is a short bus ride away from the boats into Venice. We will stay here for four nights. This evening the Tour Directors will hold a drinks reception. **126 miles**

Day Twenty-one – Sunday 22nd September

An early start today as we are taken by coach to Punta Sabione where we will board our boat to Burano to see the lace-making traditionally associated with the island and its colourful buildings. We then continue by boat to Murano where we will see a demonstration of glass-blowing. The boat will then take us to Venice where the rest of the afternoon is free for independent shopping and sightseeing until we meet back at the boat for our return to Punta Sabione and then by coach to the campsite.



Day Twenty-two – Monday 23rd September

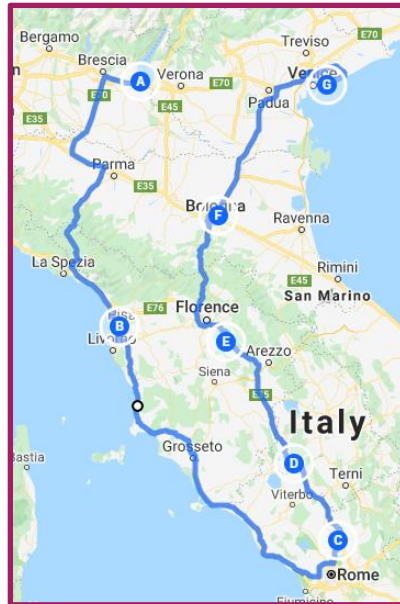
A free day to re-visit Venice, the local bus stop is just 10mins walk away and you can obtain your combined tickets for bus and Vaporetto from the campsite reception. Alternatively chill out on the beach or walk into the local village.

Day Twenty-three – Tuesday 24th September

Another free day to use the campsites facilities or you may wish to join the Tour Directors for an optional visit to the Cavallino Market. This evening we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner in the campsite restaurant

Day Twenty-four – Wednesday 25th September

The tour ends this morning. You may make your way home at your own pace and for those on the optional package you can make use of your flexible ferry ticket to extend your stay. If the Tour Directors are returning to Calais you may travel with them (campsites payable locally) or if they are staying away, they can assist you on campsites for your return journey.



PRICE

TOUR DEPOSIT £400

Motorhome with 2 people = £1999 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £2799

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 23 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- All transfers for the excursions as listed in the itinerary
- Entry fees as listed in the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS Coordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhomes
- Michelin National Map of Italy
- DK Guidebook for Italy

Excursion, Events & Meals

- Welcome Dinner, including drinks
- Excursion to Verona and Guided Tour
- Visit to Sirmione
- Campsite Drinks Reception
- Dinner in Pisa campsite restaurant, including drinks
- Pisa, morning Guided Walk
- Dinner in Rome campsite restaurant, including drinks
- Excursion and Guided tour of Rome, including Lunch
- Transport to Rome and Vatican City for afternoon/evening visit
- Excursion to Florence, Guided tour including lunch
- Excursion to Sienna, Guided tour
- Half day Chianti tour
- Wine Tasting and Lunch
- Drinks Reception at Venice campsite
- Excursion to Venice and the Islands
- Farewell Dinner including drinks

This tour starts at Lake Garda, Italy but if you would like to travel at the same time as the Tour Directors on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

OPTIONAL EXTRA PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with a Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- Five additional campsite nights with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Wednesday 28th August followed by Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, & Italy
- Dinner at the campsite in Germany
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS Coordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people @ £419 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £679